

KOS Executive Board Post Concert Meeting
Oct. 2, 2023

Call to order at 6:50 P.M. by Kathy Haldeman

Attendance was taken with the following present: Kathy, Noel. Bob. Pete, Janet. Libby, Mike, and Craig.

Carol McNeil will remain an at large member until the elections in June so as not to confuse the election process. All felt this was a good idea.

Minutes from the last meeting had already been approved by online vote.

Treasurer's Report-Libby

The treasurer's report was passed out to all members and is attached here. Comments included:

Asher Greenburg was paid \$50 to take professional photos for our website and advertising.

The \$5000 was approved for the fireworks for Veteran's Lights the Stars 2023.

Discussion of the treasurer's report format was had.

Libby will begin reflecting all expenditures on future statements, not just concert related ones.

The cost of police has risen by \$15 an hour and the cost administrative fee at school has risen by \$2 an hour.

The KOS will now be receiving an invoice from Marion County Schools instead of making a large deposit ahead of time.

Noel moved to accept this report and Mike seconded. All approved.

Concert Review

Craig felt the overall sound was good. Audience was enthusiastic with many great comments.

Other member comments:

- *Good programming
- *Good announcing and soloist.
- *Intonation was excellent
- *Brass needs to be on risers
- *Band has responded well to our new conductor.
- *Good idea to put Salute to Armed Services in the program. More people stayed and participated.

Discussion Topics

Women wore their new tops. They looked good, but we need to address jewelry and how we might address using our band pins.

Van Williams and Mike Brady were tasked with getting input from men on new tops.... Black dress shirts with bowties. The men need to be polled for sizes.

The pin discussion was tabled until after our next concert.

Discussion of pre concert activities included different types of groups as well as a possible silent auction in March.

Community Sponsors are still needed but Janet reminded us that we might approach them before they decide budget usage. Maybe a different time of the year.

Pete mentioned the use of Paypal and he and Janet will look into how this might work.

Concert Venue has been secured for March 2nd and 3rd and May 4th and 5th.

Discussed returning to a July concert. Dates have been secured if needed for July 20th & 21st. This would be a By Request Concert.

We won the Road Banner Lottery submitted by Kathy. A motion was made by Janet to purchase a reusable banner for \$736. It was seconded by Libby. The vote was unanimous. It will announce our 35th Anniversary season. It will hang across State Road 40 the week of Nov. 4th 2024.

Per MCPS we have moved much of our library and equipment to a storage unit on 36th Ave. The cost is \$114 a month.

Scholarship applications will be announced in January. When received they will follow the format for decision making and they will be presented to the students at the May concert.

Bob Brouillard will meet with section leaders to get input on improving our section needs. Attendance is one of the issues to be addressed.

Terry Holt has resumed doing the program and Marcia will continue creating the slide shows.

Beverly Lord(flute) will take over the keeping the roster.

We will be participating in Light Up Ocala on

November 18th with an assigned time between 6:45-7:30. With that time frame we should have a bigger crowd than we did last year.

Craig will attend the MCA//NEA banquet and receive our grant money.

It was stated that we should definitely be part of Give for Marion next year.

We are looking for someone to take over the role that Pat Mortensen had. Pat was a mainstay and oversaw the pink buckets, and was a friendly face in the lobby. She will be missed!

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

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